

Auroville International Township

For millennia, we have been developing outer means, outer instruments, outer techniques of living, and finally three inner and techniques are cranking up. The turning of a new humanity is now humanity is the understanding that inner knowledge and inner technique can change the world and master the outer churning it.

Auroville is the place where this new way of living is being worked out. It is a centre of action and evolution where man must begin to change his soul through the power of the inner spirit.

Inspired by Sri Aurobindo's vision ideals of human unity, Mira Alfaro, for Auroville's spiritual collaborator and university founder, the Mother, founded Auroville as an international cultural township on 26 February 1968, as a physical manifestation as a human settlement, its founders envisioned Auroville as a "living laboratory for applied researches."

Auroville needs to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony, above all politics and all individualities. The purpose of Auroville is to realise human unity.

The core purpose of Auroville is to realise human unity in diversity, on behalf of humanity as a whole. Today, Auroville is recognised as the first and only internationally understood ongoing experiment in human unity and transformation of consciousness, and concerned with - and gradually incorporating the - traditional and the future cultural, environmental, social and spiritual needs of mankind.

A planned town for up to 50,000 people from around the world, Auroville began its integrated urban project in south-east India. Located nearby is the city of Tamil Nadu, close to the Commandment Line and the 40 km north of Pondicherry and 150 km south of Chennai. Over the last 50 years an unknown rural area has been transformed into a lush green township city, sitting on a raised, for men and women seeking higher purpose of life.

In terms of physical development, Auroville aims at becoming a model of "the city of the earth" which it wants to show the world that future realisations in all fields of work will allow us to build better cities where people sincerely wish towards a more harmonious future.

One of the most remarkable concepts of Auroville is its master plan, laid out in General's Colony - a colony in which several terms of Lines of Police seem to be used from a central region.

At the centre of the township lies the Police Area, comprising the Main Road, the 'Village of Auroville' and the 'Village of the Future' and its gardens, the administrative with the Union of Human Unity that contains the wall of 124 nations and 23 Indian states, and the project of a lake to help create an atmosphere of harmony.

radiating out beyond the Mayavandir Gardens are four Zones, each focusing on an important aspect of the township's life:

- Industrial Zone:** a zone for "green" industries, is focused on Auroville's efforts towards a self-sustaining township. It contains small and medium-scale industries, training centres, iron and steel.
- Cultural Zone:** is a site for applied research in education and artistic expression. Facilities for cultural, educational, art and sports activities are located in this zone.
- Residential Zone:** is designed to provide a well-adjusted habitat between individual and collective life, with large areas of greenery and smaller built surface, thereby creating an urban density balanced by nature.
- International Zone:** hosts the national and cultural pavilions, grouped by continents, its central focus is to create a living demonstration of human unity in diversity through the expression of the genius and contribution of each nation to humanity.

Surrounding the city area is a Green Belt consisting of forested areas, farms and parks. The Green Belt stands as an example of successful transformation of wasteland into a vibrant eco-system, a sustainable demonstration site for soil and water conservation, ground water recharge, and environmental restoration.

Greetings from Auroville to all men of goodwill are invited to Auroville at these 50th Birth of the Mother and a new life, see the message to youth of the world, in 1968, inspired young men and women came from all over in various dressing a dream, a dream which belongs to nobody in particular. A place where youth will never age. A place searching for answers to the struggles of the world.

Over five years the population has grown and today 2800 permanent residents from 50 countries have made Auroville their home. Many more businesses (come for a shorter experience and take the 15 minute train back to the lands they come from. Visiting friends are attracted to learn from this experiment for a new way of living and feel inspired to join Auroville.

Embracing "No Life is True", a message of Sri Aurobindo, Auroville is an answer to humanity's aspiration for a higher perfection where only with the

Divine is not achieved by withdrawing from but by embracing all the challenges of life, and turning the difficulties of human existence into stepping stones of growth and progress. Auroville is India's most visible political expression of India's spiritual philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Auroville is a place of wonder and lifelong education, a seat for learning and continuation of our age old tradition of Gurukul, where learning is not confined to classrooms but where life is a learning experience in content and methods of a new form of education are undertaken. Emphasis is on developing all aspects of mental, emotional, physical and spiritual growth of a human being. Along with the physical, Auroville has also developed a cultural and intellectual part of learning. Auroville's special schools are for men and women to provide holistic education. Making education a joyful learning experience, Auroville runs more than 20 educational centres and research centres and diverse activities to serve the learning needs of all ages.

The economy of Auroville is based on the fundamental of no ownership of lands and enterprises. All actions are a service and offering to the Divine. Money is not used in Auroville. All property should generally be for common production, an improvement in the conditions of life and a progress in human consciousness.

The enterprise are not on principle of business above needs of personal professions. Reality in Auroville is a shared goal behind creating a wide range of products. Nearly 400 all-round small enterprises employ more than 4,000 people from local villages. Apart from income from internal units, Auroville receives grants and donations from several well-wishers from all over the world, including the Government of India.

Encouraging creativity and innovative thinking Auroville has made rapid progress in applied research in areas of health and healing, environmental regeneration, water harvesting, water harvesting, sustainable management, renewable energy. Auroville has become a centre for sustainable architecture and green practices, producing 125% of energy consumed from renewable sources like wind and solar energy.

Collaboration is the essence of Auroville's approach. Transforming rural villages around Auroville has been an important aspect of co-development. The developmental project of Auroville aims at rural development has had a tremendous effect in the surrounding villages. Through several initiatives of micro finance, micro enterprises and skill development, Auroville has brought improvement in lives of nearly 1,00,000 people in the surrounding villages.

Art and culture are integral part of life in Auroville. The vibrant life is filled with works of famous artists and poets who study Auroville their home. Several residents have become well-known artists and writers through their works of art, music, acting and literature.

The organization of Auroville is based on principles of equality, inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, and democracy. Recognising the importance of the Auroville experiment, the Government of India created a statutory body by making the Auroville Foundation Act 1968, functioning under the Ministry of Human Resources and Development.

The General Assembly of UN-SCOP (unofficially created in 1966, 1968, 1970, 1981 and 2017) resolutions of support to Auroville. India's member states are international non-governmental organisations to participate in the development of Auroville as an international cultural township designed to bring together the values of different cultures and civilisations in a harmonious environment with integrated living standards which correspond to man's physical and spiritual needs.

The footprint of Auroville has spread beyond its geography through several projects of its units and actions of its residents. Transformation of the surrounding villages of Auroville is the most visible impact. Recognising the wide impact, the 164-SCOP resolution passed by the General Assembly in 2017 for the 50th year of Auroville. The Auroville has been a source of expertise in a wide range of fields, benefiting India and facing its success in sharing its experience and helping the development of its neighbouring rural population.

Over the years Auroville has been recognised by several national and international Awards like 'Hansen Fath Award for Architecture in 1997', 'Best Earth Building' to Centre for Scientific Research, Award by HUDCO to Auroville Building Centre in 1994, 1995 and 1996, Auroville has been awarded to Auroville (Auroville Renewable Energy) in 2004, Award of Excellence to Ministry of Textiles to Designer (Auroville Lush Green Award) of the Green Building Institute Award in 2017, to Auroville Earth Institute, Rush Light Award for 2017-18 to Auroville Community.

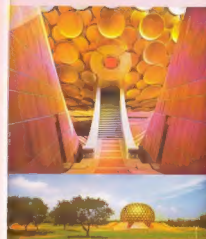
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